

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 1938

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

**Kay Khan**

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the civil commitment of women for alcoholism and substance abuse to MCI Framingham.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Kay Khan	11th Middlesex
Patricia D. Jehlen	
Linda Dorcena Forry	12th Suffolk
Katherine Clark	32nd Middlesex
Elizabeth A. Malia	11th Suffolk
Benjamin Swan	11th Hampden
Martha M. Walz	8th Suffolk
John W. Scibak	2nd Hampshire
Ruth B. Balser	12th Middlesex
Ellen Story	3rd Hampshire
Gloria L. Fox	7th Suffolk
Sarah K. Peake	4th Barnstable
Jennifer M. Callahan	18th Worcester
Susan C. Tucker	Second Essex and Middlesex
Brian P. Wallace	4th Suffolk
Steven J. D'Amico	4th Bristol
Anne M. Gobi	5th Worcester

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1889 OF 2007-2008.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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### **AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CIVIL COMMITMENT OF WOMEN FOR ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE TO MCI FRAMINGHAM.**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority  
of the same, as follows:*

1   SECTION 1. Section 7 of Chapter 111B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition,  
2   is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following: The department shall ensure that no  
3   female is committed to the Massachusetts correctional institution, Framingham for rehabilitative purposes  
4   pursuant to this section or pursuant to section 35 of chapter 123 of the General Laws.

5   SECTION 2. Said Section 7 of said Chapter 111B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby further  
6   amended by striking out, in lines 27-28, the following words:— or to the Massachusetts correctional  
7   institution, Framingham

8   SECTION 3. Section 35 of Chapter 123 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
9   striking out in line 43 the words “or at Framingham, if a female”.

10   SECTION 4. Section 35 of Chapter 123 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby further amended  
11   by striking out in line 60, the words “and Framingham”

12   SECTION 5. Said Section 35 of said Chapter 123, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by  
13   striking out, in line 59, the word “institutions” and inserting in place thereof the word “institution”.

14   SECTION 6. Said Section 35 of said Chapter 123, as so appearing, is hereby further amended in line 46  
15   by inserting after the words “convicted criminals.” the following sentence:--

16           Within 24 hours of completed detoxification the person so committed shall receive a full mental  
17           health evaluation performed by a physician board certified in psychology, qualified psychiatric  
18           nurse clinical specialist or licensed psychologist.

19   SECTION 7. Said Section 35 of said Chapter 123 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby further  
20   amended by adding the following paragraph:--

21           The department of public health shall establish and maintain the necessary number of secure  
22           treatment beds for females to meet the requirements of this section.

23   SECTION 8. Said Section 35 of said Chapter 123 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby further  
24   amended by adding at the end thereof the following paragraph:--

25           The department of public health shall file an annual report on these proceedings with the house  
26           committee on ways and means, the senate committee on ways and means, the joint committee on  
27           mental health & substance abuse and the joint committee on health care financing.